Notice of Exemption

To: ☐ Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814 From: Department of Fish and Wildlife WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD P.O. Box 944209 Sacramento, CA 99244-2090

County Clerk (County of): N/A

Attention: Judah Grossman

Project Title: Lake Elsinore Aquatic Ecosystem Planning

Project Applicant: Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB)

Project Location - Specific: Lake Elsinore

Project Location - City: Lake Elsinore

Project Location - County: Riverside County; CEQA Region: S. CA, City of Lake Elsinore.

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: This project will complete a feasibility study that will determine the most effective design and approach to implement the Lake Elsinore Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project. WCB Project Tracker ID: 2021170.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Fish and Wildlife, WCB

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: John P. Donnelly, Executive Director, WCB Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sec. 15268):
 - Declared Emergency [Sec. 15269 (a)]:
 - Emergency Project [Sec. 15269 (b) and (c)]:
 - Categorical Exemption. State Section number and type:
- Statutory Exemptions, State code Number: Section 15262, Feasibility and Planning Studies

Reasons why project is exempt: This is a planning project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions, which the board has not approved, adopted, or funded.

Lead Agency Contact Person: John P. Donnelly

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 205-4730

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
- 2. Has a notice of exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Xes (by this notice) No

Signature: John P. Donnelly

Date: 2/25/2022

Title: Executive Director

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section21108, 21152, 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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